REMARKS:

Examiner Lorengo is thanked for the courtesy of an interview on August 31,

2004, at which time EP 0 816 122 was discussed. Claim 37 has been amended to clarify

the claimed invention, and as discussed during the interview. The Examiner agreed that

claim 37, as amended herein, defined over the art of record. Specifically, the prior art

fails to disclose or suggest a semi-finished wood composite structure comprising a wood

composite substrate having one or more die-cut foil pieces uniformly coating at least one

portion of the surface of the wood composite, wherein the die-cut foil pieces comprise a

removable carrier film with a transferable film thereon, and an overlaying foil uniformly

coating the surface of the wood composite as well as the die-cut foil pieces, wherein the

overlaying foil comprises a removable carrier film with a transferable film thereon.

Claims 38-48 all depend from amended claim 37. Therefore, Applicants assert

that all pending claims are now in condition for allowance, and earnestly solicit same. It

is believed that no fee is due with this submission. Should that determination be

incorrect, then please debit Account No. 50-0548 and notify the undersigned.

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(2) Mr. Schrot.	(4)	
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Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) Yes If Yes, brief description:	e)⊠ No.	•
Claim(s) discussed: <u>37</u> .		
Identification of prior art discussed: EP 0816122A2 to Mis	umi et al.	
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Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: The Applicant and the Examiner discussed proposed limitations to claim 37 which appear to differentiate the instant invention over the prior art to Misumi et al. Specifically, the applicant proposed defining both the decal sheets and the overlaying foil as comprising a transferable coating on a removable carier sheet. The examiner also suggested further defining the invention to disclose that the overlaying foil is disposed over both the decal coated and uncoated sections of the wood composite. The Applicant agreed that this limitation might be acceptable upon client concent. The examiner also indicated that any claim amendments would be evaluated in light of a further search and consideration of the prior art.